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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

This letter is in response to your request, received on July 17, 2019, to the City of Union City (the "City") pursuant to the California Public Records Act for various materials regarding use of force incidences between the years 2017 and 2018, as well as data regarding arrests reported to the Department of Justice. Specifically, your request seeks;

1. The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e., number of uses of Tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.)
2. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.
3. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained 2018.
4. All arrests data reported to the California Department of Justice via the Monthly Arrests and Citation Register program covering arrests made in 2017 and 2018, including (but not limited to) the age, race/ethnicity, gender, offense category (felony, misdemeanor, status offense), charge and disposition of arrestees.

The City has identified records responsive to your request. However, part 3 of your request asks for information from the confidential personnel files of Union City Police Officers, and is therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 6254(k) and California Penal Code 832.7. The City declines to release those records which are privileged or exempt from disclosure. Records responsive to your request and not otherwise exempt from disclosure are included with this response.

The City will make available all other requested documents requested in part 1 and part 2 of your request which is not exempt from disclosure. Specifically, the total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e., number of uses of Tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.). All responsive records the City will make available are attached to this response correspondence in a PDF format.

If you have further questions about this matter, or are able to refer me to controlling legal authority that supports a different result, please contact me at [Dougc@unioncity.com](mailto:Dougc@unioncity.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Calcagno'.

Lieutenant Doug Calcagno  
Union City Police Department  
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1. The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e. number of uses of Tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.)

2018 Type of Force		Instances of Force
1	Discharge of Firearm	2
2	Less Lethal Munitions	12
3	Physical Force	53
4	Control Hold	75
5	Control Hold w/Pain Compliance	10
6	Takedown	43
7	Personal Body Weapon	9
8	K-9 Bite	2
9	TASER Deployment	9
10	Pepper Spray	0
11	Baton	1
12	K-9 Deployment w/No bite	12
13	Intentional Pointing of Firearm	163
14	Intentional Pointing of TASER	3
15	Body Wrap	32
16	De-escalation Technique	59
TOTAL		485

2. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.

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3. The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained in 2018.

**Personnel records are not public records and therefore not disclosable under the PRA.**

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**Please contact the Department of Justice for the report provided to them.**